



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 357

By Senator Tracy

and

Representatives Marsh, Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Reverend Ron Del DeWitt for twenty years of meritorious service to the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such committed pastor and church leader is Reverend Ron Del DeWitt, who has faithfully led the flock at the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, born on August 13, 1957, Ron DeWitt was raised in Carthage, Indiana, by his beloved parents Elmer and Francis DeWitt; and

WHEREAS, Reverend DeWitt married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Judy Maloyed, on June 15, 1975, and the newlyweds soon relocated to Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Trevecca Nazarene College, Ron DeWitt began his pastoral career at Long Creek Church of the Nazarene in 1978, working assiduously to provide hope and communicate God's love to his congregants and his community; and

WHEREAS, standing as a shining example of love and forgiveness, Reverend DeWitt has tirelessly contributed his time and tremendous talents as the pastor of Chapman's Chapel Church of the Nazarene, McMinnville Church of the Nazarene, Pleasant View Church of the Nazarene, and Corbin First Church of the Nazarene in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, since taking the helm at the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville in May of 1991, Reverend DeWitt has served with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, using his gifts of teaching and preaching the Word to share his faith with his community; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man and venerable religious leader, Ron DeWitt is highly involved in the Bedford County Ministerial Association and served with distinction as a chaplain at Tyson; and

WHEREAS, this stalwart servant of the Lord is a respected member of the East Tennessee District for the Church of the Nazarene, where he has rendered sterling service as the Vice-President of the Nazarene Youth International, Chairman of the Sunday School Ministries, delegate to the Nazarene General Assemblies, and member of the District Advisory Board and the Credentials Board; and

WHEREAS, Reverend DeWitt is thankful for the loving companionship of his beloved wife; their two daughters, Lori and Mindi; and their four grandchildren, Harrison, Heidi, Hollister, and Hadley; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ron DeWitt truly exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable twenty years as a humble servant of God, Reverend DeWitt has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many members of the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Reverend Ron Del DeWitt for twenty years of

meritorious service to the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville, salute his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living a Christian life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his fruitful ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 12, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR